

The Mackenzie King Scholarships were set up under the will of the Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King (1874-1950), who was Prime Minister of Canada 1921-26, 1926-30, and 1935-48.

Two types of the Mackenzie King Scholarship are available to graduates of Canadian universities: the **Open Scholarship** and the **Travelling Scholarship**. Both are to support graduate study. **The School of Graduate Studies deadline to apply is Monday, February 1, 2021.**

### Value of Awards

- The **Open Scholarship** has been recently valued around \$8,500. Exact value for 2021-22 has not been confirmed and is subject to change.
- The **Travelling Scholarship** has been recently valued around \$10,500. Exact value for 2021-22 has not been confirmed and is subject to change.

### Quota of applications that can be submitted by McMaster University

- 2 for the Open Scholarship category
- 2 for the Travelling Scholarship category

### Eligibility

- Applications must be made to the School of Graduate Studies of your **home** university. This is the *Canadian* university from which you most recently graduated or at which you are currently enrolled.
- You must be a *graduate* (holder of a degree) of a Canadian university when tenure of the scholarship begins.

**Note:** International students are eligible to apply, but they must already hold a Canadian degree. If the graduate study being pursued is their first Canadian degree, they are not eligible.

### The Open Scholarship is open to:

Graduates of any Canadian university who engage in (commencing or continuing) graduate studies (master's or doctoral) in any field, in Canada or elsewhere.

### The Travelling Scholarship is open to:

Graduates of any Canadian university who engage (commencing or continuing) in graduate studies (master's or doctoral) in the United States or the United Kingdom, in the field of international relations or industrial relations. The Selection Committee in the past has interpreted "international relations" broadly, as encompassing a program in any discipline, as long as the topic is substantially concerned with the relationship between nations.

## Selection Criteria

The assessment of nominees for Mackenzie King Scholarships focuses on the following criteria:

- The awards will be based on high academic achievements (typically all A's or very nearly so)\*
- personal qualities
- demonstrated aptitudes
- Consideration will also be given to the applicant's proposed program of study.

*\*This is an extremely competitive competition. As such, it is recommended that students with an 11.0-12.0/12.0 GPA apply as only two applications for each type of award (Open Scholarship & Travelling Scholarship) will be put forward to the national competition.*

## Application Instructions for DeGroot students

**The School of Graduate Studies deadline is Monday, February 1, 2021.**

Each applicant must upload their complete application as one PDF to MacDrive by using this [upload link](#). Please use the following naming convention for your application **Mackenzie King App\_LAST NAME**.

1. The completed and signed [application form](#).
2. Supplementary information on academic achievements and experience (attach as **Sheet 'A'** to application). Sheet 'A' can be more than one page. The supplementary information must include:
  - Any undergraduate and graduate awards received including the name, years of tenure and the annual value
  - Any work experience, professional, business, related to field of study
  - Any publications relevant to field of study
3. Personal Statement describing academic interests, extracurricular activities, program of studies intended to pursue, and outline of career plans in 600 words or less (attach as **Sheet 'B'** to application). Your statement must be readily understandable by those outside of your discipline.
4. Copies of **official transcripts** of marks and other academic records from each university you have attended.
5. Reference Letters (next page)

## Reference Letter

Reference letters should be submitted, by email, directly to [graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca](mailto:graduatescholarships@mcmaster.ca) by their Referees, with the **Subject Line: Mackenzie Ref Ltr\_ APPLICANT'S LAST NAME**

**Three** letters of reference from persons who have an intimate knowledge of your record and ability and are able to give a critical evaluation of your plans for graduate study. The letters of reference must be on letterhead, signed, and must clearly indicate the name and contact information of the referee.

**At least two of these testimonials must be from persons under whom you have taken your major work at university, or from senior colleagues with whom you have been associated in academic teaching or research.**

## Notification and submission

Applicants moving forward to the national competition will be notified by The School of Graduate Studies by **March 8, 2021**.

Please note that applications sent directly to the Board by applicants **will not** be considered.

## Final submission to the Board of Scholarship Trustees:

Recommended applications will be forwarded to the national competition by **Monday, March 15, 2021**.

## References

For complete application guidelines, please visit:  
<http://www.mkingsscholarships.ca/how-to-apply.html>

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